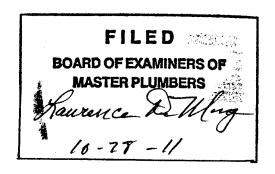
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

IN THE MATTER OF

ORLANDO SALAZAR, L.M.P. LMP# 36BI00957400

LICENSED TO PRACTICE AS A MASTER PLUMBER IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

**CONSENT ORDER** 

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers ("the Board") upon receipt of a complaint filed by Richard J. Bielinski, the plumbing sub-code official for the City of Bayonne, N.J. The complaint alleged that Orlando Salazar ("respondent"), failed to list his licensed plumbing contracting name, R & A Advanced Plumbing, on two plumbing permit applications for plumbing work to be done at two local Bayonne public schools. Instead, respondent listed "Salazar & Associates" with NJ license #36BI00957400 as the contractor, despite the fact that Salazar & Associates in not a registered trade name with the Board. The complaint also alleges that the pressure seal used to seal the two permits was not the seal issued to espondent by the Board, as it did not list respondent's trade name and license number. Respondent was issued two violations by the City of Bayonne on September 14, 2009, one for each infraction, for false and misleading statements on a written application.

Respondent appeared before the Board for an investigative inquiry on November 19, 2009.

Respondent admitted he was obligated to name R & A Advanced Plumbing as the licensed plumbing contractor on the permit application. Respondent explained that he listed Salazar & Associates as the contractor because he regards R & A Advanced Plumbing as an in-house plumbing entity for the larger Salazar & Associates. Respondent stated he informed and registered with other Government entities to trade in the name of Salazar & Associates, but inadvertently forgot to register with the Board. Respondent also admitted he misplaced the pressure seal issued to him by the Board and that his office manager replaced the missing seal with one that was not issued by the Board and which respondent continued to use. Respondent agreed to correct his registration with the Board and to submit a request for a new Board issued seal. Respondent is also appealing the two notices of violation issued to him by the City of Bayonne because he was not given the opportunity to come before the Construction Board of Appeals for the City of Bayonne, N.J. to defend the violations.

These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), for engaging in professional misconduct. Additionally, these facts establish a basis for disciplinary action, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), for failing to comply with the provisions of an act or regulation administered by the Board, specifically N.J.A.C. 13:32-4.1, which provides that the pressure seal issued by the Board must be impressed upon all applications for plumbing permits submitted by the licensed master plumber. Further, a licensed master plumber who no longer possesses the pressure seal, must replace the seal by submitting to the Board a notarized letter detailing why the seal is missing and must submit to the Board the replacement pressure seal fee.

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings, having waived any right to such proceedings and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 28 DAY OF Odober, 2011 HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22, in the amount of twenty-six hundred dollars (\$2,600) for engaging in the violations specified above. Payment of the civil penalty totaling \$2,600 shall be made by submitting quarterly payments of \$650 to the Board. The first payment of \$650 shall be due on November 1, 2011. The second payment shall be due on March 1, 2012. The third payment shall be due on July 1, 2012. The final payment shall

be due on November 1, 2012. The payments shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be sent to, Executive Director. Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, 124 Halsey Street. Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

- 2. Respondent shall cease and desist from the violations described herein. Subsequent violations will subject respondent to enhanced penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.
- 3. Failure to timely remit any and all payments required by this order will result in the filling of a certificate of debt with interest accruing at the rate provided by the Rules of Court, and such failure or any violation of this order may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings for failure to comply with an Order of the Board, which could include the suspension or revocation of license.
  - Respondent shall properly register his trade name at the Board Office.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

Peter Voros

Board Chairman

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Orlando Saletzar I M P

Date